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GAME WITH PLAYING CARDS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend paragraphs 57, 58, 157 and 175 as follows. Kindly delete paragraph 59.

[057] FIGS. 6A ~~and~~, 6B and 6C are combined to form a flow chart representing the steps and ~~one method~~ two alternative methods of playing at the game of the present invention with or without randomly selected auxiliary prize ; and

[058] FIG. 7 is a block diagram of the apparatus for granting a randomly selected auxiliary prize; ~~and~~.

~~[059] FIG. 8 is a flow chart representing the steps and one method of playing at the game of the present invention with randomly selected auxiliary prize.~~

[0157] In this preferred embodiment, the auxiliary game is ~~a~~ a bet on the player position that will be chosen by the random selector. It will be understood that other auxiliary games could be played.

[0175] Referring now to FIG. 7 which is a block diagram of the apparatus for granting a randomly selected auxiliary prize according to the present invention and FIG. ~~8~~ 6C which is a flow chart representing the steps of a method of playing the game of the present invention with a randomly selected auxiliary prize.

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Some steps of original Figure 8 from the parent patent application no. 09/912,428 were to be understood as being an alternative to some steps of Figures 6A and 6B. This was evidenced by the common blocks of the two flow charts having identical contents and numerals while some blocks of Fig. 8 were different to show the alternate embodiment. This was also evidenced by the short description of Fig. 8 at paragraph 59 and in the detailed description at paragraph 175.

At the time of preparing the formal version of the drawings for this divisional application, Applicants noted this incongruity in the arrangement of the blocks of the flow charts and prepared a revised version of the drawings in which the alternative embodiment contents of Fig. 8 is directly inserted within the flow chart of Fig. 6A and Fig. 6B thereby creating a combined flow chart bearing the two alternative embodiments (Fig. 6A, Fig. 6B and Fig. 6C). The formal drawings therefore contain a Fig. 6C and do not contain a Fig. 8. This amended version of the drawings is believed by Applicants to be much simpler to understand while containing the same information.

The present amendment is aimed at correcting the mentions of these figures in the description to ensure that all is consistent throughout the application. It does not introduce any new matter.

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